

REMARKS

In response to the Examiner's restriction requirement as contained in the Office Action dated July 7, 2004, Applicant elects Species 2, claims 9-26. In addition, Applicant elects Species D (the battery system of Fig. 29i). Thus, Applicant has withdrawn claims 1-8 and 27-30. Claims 9-26 remain pending in this application.

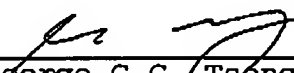
CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, it is believed that all claims now pending patentably define the subject invention over the prior art of record and are in condition for allowance and such action is earnestly solicited at the earliest possible date.

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